

Waterfowl hunters may leave boats meeting all State registration requirements on refuge water bodies throughout the waterfowl season. Boats must be removed within 72 hours after the season closes.

Public entry north of Mississippi Highway 8 is prohibited for the Bear Lake Unit of Tallahatchie NWR.

The Black Bayou Unit of Tallahatchie NWR is closed to all public entry.

Mississippi Department of Fisheries and Parks define legal turkey gobblers as an adult gobbler or gobbler with a six inch or longer beard.

Other Lands

A limited number of areas are open to small game hunting of rabbit and squirrel only. Contact Refuge Manager for locations and maps.

Permits

A refuge permit is required for all refuge hunts. This brochure, when signed and in your possession, serves as your permit and is nontransferable. Hunters under age 16 must possess a Hunter Safety Course certificate, a signed permit, and be accompanied by an adult 21 years or older.



Mobility Impaired Persons
Special facilities are available to mobility impaired hunters. A mobility impaired hunter is defined as a person (1) permanently confined to a wheelchair, crutches, or a walker or (2) a single- or double-leg amputee. Information on obtaining special use mobility impaired permits can be obtained by contacting the following:

Mississippi Wetland Management District
P.O. Box 1070
Grenada, Mississippi 38902-1070
Phone: 601/226 8286

Dahomey and Tallahatchie
National Wildlife Refuges
16736 Highway 8 West
P.O. Box 1070
Grenada, Mississippi 38901
601/226 8286
<http://www.fws.gov/~r4eao>

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Dahomey and Tallahatchie

National Wildlife Refuges Hunting Regulations 1999-2000



**Hunting Regulations 1999-2000
Dahomey and Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuges**

Season 1999-2000 **Permit Number** _____

Name _____

Address _____

I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations.

Signature (Permits are not transferable)

This permit must be signed to be valid and the entire permit must be carried by the hunter during refuge hunts.

General Hunt Regulations

All State laws, regulations and harvest limits apply to all persons on the refuge for any reason.

Each hunter must obtain from the Hunter Information Station and fill out a pink user information card before hunting and display it on the vehicle dash so the name and address are visible from the outside. Prior to leaving the refuge the reverse side of the card must be complete and deposited at one of the Hunter Information Stations. Include all game harvested. If no game is harvested report “0”.

All public use is restricted to daylight hours only except during the racoon hunt. Entering or remaining on the refuge after daylight hours is prohibited.

All plants and animals on the refuge are protected by federal law. Animals may not be killed, injured, captured, or harassed except for the legal take of game animals in accordance with the seasons and provisions listed in this permit.

Certain areas of the refuge may be closed for sanctuary or administrative purposes. Such areas will be marked with “No Hunting” or “Area Closed” signs.

Except during authorized refuge hunts, possession of any weapon is



prohibited on the refuge.

Firearms may be possessed only when authorized for a particular hunt. All handguns are specifically prohibited and may not be possessed at any time on the refuge.

All firearms transported in or on any vehicle including boats on the refuge must be unloaded and either dismantled or cased. Loaded is defined as shells in the gun or within reach, percussion cap on the nipple, or powder in the flashpan of a flintlock.

Use or possession of any drug or device for employing such drug for hunting is prohibited.

Motor vehicle use is restricted to roads designated as vehicle access roads on the refuge map. Blocking access to any road or trail entering the refuge is prohibited.

ATV’s are not permitted and may not be used on any area of the refuge.

All hunters or persons on the refuge for any reason during any open refuge hunting season, must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of visible, unbroken, fluorescent orange-colored material above the waist line. Waterfowl hunters must comply while walking/boating to and from actual hunting area. Not

required for turkey season, or for waterfowl hunters while actually hunting.

Dogs are permitted on the refuge only when specifically authorized for squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, or raccoon hunting. The use of dogs is encouraged to retrieve dead or wounded waterfowl. Dogs must remain in the control of their handlers at all times. All other domestic animals are prohibited.

Man-drives for deer are prohibited.

Hunting or shooting across any open, follow or planted field from ground level is prohibited during all General Gun and Primitive Weapon hunts.

Portable deer stands may be erected 2 weeks prior to the opening of archery season on the refuge and must be removed by January 31, 2000.

No deer stands can be nailed to trees nor can any blind or stand be attached to a tree by any metal object driven, screwed, or otherwise inserted into the tree. It is unlawful to hunt from any tree in which such an object has been inserted.

Removal or destruction of any trees, plants, or other vegetation on the refuge for any reason is prohibited.

No fires are permitted on the refuge.

Littering in any form is strictly prohibited.

Camping on the refuge is not permitted.

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on the refuge is prohibited.

All hunters age 16 and older must carry a state license and a refuge hunting permit on his/her person. Hunters under age 16 must carry a Hunter Education Safety Course card or certificate, a refuge permit, and be accompanied by an adult 21 years or older. An adult may supervise a maximum of 1 youth.

Only shotguns with approved non-toxic shot may be used or possessed while small game and waterfowl hunting. Small game may also be hunted with .22 caliber rimfire rifles. During the deer and turkey hunts, lead ammunition legal for taking deer and turkey may be used.

\$12.50 Permit Required

Only temporary blinds may be constructed.

Decoys and other personal property and litter must be removed from the hunting area following each morning’s hunt.



1999-2000 Hunting Season

Type	Season Dates	Specific Regulations
Duck, Merganser, Goose, and Coot	State season; includes youth hunt	Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only: 30 minutes before sunrise to 12:00. Hunter orange required while walking/boating to and from actual hunting area. Only approved non-toxic shot may be used or possessed. After duck, merganser, and coot season closes, geese maybe hunted daily, mornings only.
Squirrel	State season, includes youth hunt.	Dogs allowed after December 18,1999.
Raccoon	January-February, 2000.	Special use permit required contact Refuge Manager. Closed at Tallahatchie NWR.
Feral Hogs	Any refuge hunt	May be taken during any daytime hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. No bag limit.
Deer		
Archery: either sex	State Season	Closed during November, 1999, Deer General Gun- Youth Hunt
General Gun-youth hunt (either sex)	State Season	Refuge permit for all participants. Youth must be fifteen (15) years of age or younger.
Primitive weapon (either sex)	State Season	
General Gun (either sex)	December 16, 17, 18, 1999	Closed at Tallahatchie NWR
Turkey (gobblers only)	April 1- May 1, 2000	Closed at Tallahatchie NWR
Turkey (youth hunt, gobblers only)	State Season	Closed at Tallahatchie NWR

